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History of The Good Shepherd Humane Society

Otto Mayer, along with Amy Mayer, founded The Good Shepherd Humane Society in 1974.

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tions, etc., stipends from the City of Eureka Springs and some income from the two other major cities in the county. Most of the shelter 'guests' are from rural areas of the county. The shelter has never received financial support from the county.

There are two major fund raising events - the annual membership drive, the Doggie Shop Fashion Show, as well as a year-round recycling project (collecting and selling aluminum cans brought to the shelter and shop by the public) and what they hope will be an Annual Golf Tournament.

The shelter sponsors an Annual Spay Clinic with cooperation from the local veterinarians. The last years clinic resulted in almost 200 animals being spayed at a very reasonable fee.

The adoption rate at the shelter is higher than most - primarily because they try to keep the animals longer than most shelters. They also have a devoted volunteer who maintains a current picture board of available animals. This board is situated in a high traffic location in downtown Eureka Springs, and attracts a good many tourists who come to the shelter and, in many cases, adopt an animal to take home.

Shelter expenses include salaries for four full time employees as well as a general manager, fees for veterinary services and supplies, food and operating supplies, repairs and renovation of both the shelter and the thrift shop, insurance for both facilities, etc. Capital expenses are aided by a fund restricted for that use which was given to the society when the Eureka Springs Arts & Crafts Guild closed their retail operation on Spring Street.

The society is still scrabbling for money to aid in their quest to find homes for the homeless, but they would be remiss in not giving thanks to the benefactors mentioned earlier, as well as the devoted army of volunteers who work countless hours for no other gain than their self satisfaction and the Society's grateful thanks.

They hope you enjoy the show and want you to accept their thanks for your support in helping them find homes for all the homeless critters in the county.